GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
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INTEGRATED FOOD ZONES
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the aims and objectives of the Integrated Food Zones or Mega Food Parks;

(b) the infrastructural facilities provided by the Integrated Food Zones for promotion of processed food in the country;

(c) whether any consultations have been held about this scheme with the stakeholders and the Planning Commission; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI)

(a) to (d): The Ministry of Food Processing Industries has held consultations with Planning Commission as well as other stakeholders for restructuring of the existing infrastructure schemes including on formulation of a scheme for Integrated Food Zones / Mega Food Park as a part of the exercise for preparation of XI Plan. The objective behind the concept is to provide for development of state of the art infrastructure for Food Processing; establish sustainable raw material supply chain; facilitate induction of latest technology etc. The infrastructure facilities envisaged include, both general infrastructure like land, road, drainage, sewerage, power supply, water supply etc. and technical infrastructure like cooling chambers, grading & sorting unit, quality testing laboratory etc. The XI Plan schemes have not been finalized by the Planning Commission.